



## **Fact Sheet: ISE Core Awareness Training Course**

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### **ISE Core Awareness Training Released**

- On July 16, 2008, the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) released the *ISE Core Awareness Training Course* designed to help move federal agencies from the traditional “need to know” culture to a “responsibility to provide”.
- The ISE Core Awareness Training Course provides federal agencies participating in the Information Sharing Environment a common understanding of the ISE, as well as an overview of the Federal Government’s counterterrorism organizations, systems, and common challenges.
- This training, coupled with continued efforts to include information sharing as a formal evaluation factor in personnel performance reports and agency incentive programs, addresses the President’s December 2005 guidance to promote a culture of information sharing, and supports a key principle of the October 2007 *National Strategy for Information Sharing*, to “foster a culture of awareness” of the counterterrorism functions and information needs of others.

### **Key Elements of ISE Core Awareness Training Implementation**

- The course is provided in three formats to accommodate the various needs of federal agencies:
  - A program compatible with agencies’ Learning Management systems;
  - A program that can be installed directly on agencies’ websites; and
  - A compact disk that be installed at a user workstation.
- Federal agencies are responsible for implementation and ensuring that personnel who support the counterterrorism mission receive this training.
- Federal agencies can tailor the training to their particular mission needs, specialized business processes, programs and policies or supplement it with agency-developed mission-specific training.
- State, local, and tribal (SLT) partners are encouraged to adopt ISE awareness training. Any specialized information sharing training for State, local, and tribal governments will be jointly developed by the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a part of their mission responsibilities.
- As part of the annual ISE performance reporting process, federal agencies report to the Program Manager for the ISE on the measured results of their agency’s core awareness training.



## **Background**

- The *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004* calls for the development of an ISE to facilitate the sharing of terrorism and homeland security information among Federal, State, local, and tribal Governments and, as appropriate, foreign governments and the private sector.
- In accordance with Section 1016 of Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, the President directed federal agencies to promote a culture of information sharing through the development of guidelines, providing training and incentives, and holding personnel accountable for the improved and increased sharing of terrorism information (Requirement 2 of the December 16, 2005 Presidential Memorandum, *Guidelines and Requirements in Support of the Information Sharing Environment*).
- Training is a crucial component of an improved culture of information sharing, and as such, the ISE Implementation Plan included a description of the training requirements needed to ensure that the ISE will be adequately implemented and properly utilized. The plan also affirmed that ISE training would be implemented through a “core” training program across all federal agencies.